

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

In the specification, paragraphs [0015] and [0040] have been amended on pages 4 and 11.

Claims 9-11, 13, 15, 21, and 25-28 are requested to be cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 3, 14, 19, and 20 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-8, 12, 14, 16-20, and 22-24 are now pending in this application.

Drawings

In Section 1 of the Office Action the Examiner objected to the drawings because the element 400 of FIGURE 4 was not mentioned in the description. Applicants have amended paragraph [0040] to provide the requisite reference to element 400. Accordingly, applicants request that the drawing objection of Section 1 be withdrawn.

In Section 2 of the of the Office Action the Examiner objected to the drawings because an “alternative communication system to optionally provide wired communication between the display system and the handheld computing device” was not shown in the drawings. Applicants have cancelled dependent claim 13 without prejudice. Accordingly, applicants request that the drawing objection of Section 2 be withdrawn.

Specification

In Section 3 of the Office Action, the examiner objected to the disclosure because paragraph [0015] should read FIGURE 1A instead of FIGURE 1. Applicants have amended the

specification accordingly. Therefore, applicants request that the objection to this disclosure of Section 3 be withdrawn.

In Section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification as failing to provide antecedent basis for claims subject matter and claims 13, 17, and 22. Applicants have cancelled claim 13. With regard to claim 17, applicants submit that the claim terminology is clear and does not require further explanation in the specification. The claims, as submitted, are a part of the original disclosure. And it is clear what is meant by the second power source being lighter in weight than the first power source in claim 17. That is, the second power source weighs less than the first power source. Similarly, in claim 22 it is clear what is meant by a second power source being lighter in weight than the third power source. That is the second power source weighs less than the third power source. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the objection raise din Section 4 of the specification is improper and therefore should be withdrawn as to claims 17 and 22 and should further be withdrawn with regard to cancelled claim 13.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 112

In Section 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, asserting that there is no antecedent basis for the limitation “the wireless connection” in line 2. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 3 has been amended to recite “a wireless connection” instead of “the wireless connection.” Accordingly, applicants request that the claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 of Section 7, be withdrawn.

In Section 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 stating that there is no disclosure of “a custom wireless communication protocol.” As stated by the Examiner in paragraph [0027] of the specification it is disclosed that “any other protocol for sending information wirelessly from processing unit 122 to visual display system 140” maybe used. Accordingly, any “custom wireless communication protocol,” which the Examiner correctly understands is a wireless communication protocol that is unique to or designed for the system, is included in “any other protocol for sending information wirelessly.” Thus, as

applicants respectfully submit the limitation is generally disclosed in the specification, applicants request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 to claim 12 be withdrawn.

In Section 9 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as the limitation “transceiver” having no antecedent basis. Applicants have amended claim 19 to recite “transceiver coupled to the processor.” Accordingly, the limitation has antecedent basis in claim 14 and therefore applicants request that the rejection to claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 in Section 9 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

In Section 11 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 20 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nahi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,084,584). Applicants respectfully submit that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are no longer applicable as independent claim 20 has been amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

In Section 27 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9-11 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nahi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,084,584) in view of Lebby et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,115,618) as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Branson (U.S. Published Application No. 2003/0071832). Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 14, and 20 have been amended to include limitations that the display system includes a flexible screen display and also that the display system includes display drivers capable of updating screen resolution and screen display size based upon the current expansion of the display screen (particularly claim 1) and also that there are two display units a first non-flexible display unit and a second flexible display unit and a foldable display unit that maybe attached to and detached from the processing unit (particularly claim 20). Although Branson discloses a foldable display device for a portable electronic device, Branson does not disclose, teach, or suggest that the flexible and foldable display device should be used or has any benefit of being used in a situation where the display unit is detachable from the processing unit and expandable once detached. Further, Nahi et al. in view of Lebby et al., does not provide a

motivation to combine Branson with Nahi et al. and Lebby et al. because no motivation or desirability is provided by Nahi et al. and Lebby et al. to include a flexible and/or foldable display unit on a portable handheld device. Lebby et al. only teaches that a display maybe decoupled from a portable electronic device, but does not provide any motivation or desirability for providing that the device be a foldable and expandable device. Therefore, none of the references teach or disclose that the displays can be interchanged with a portable device thus, as is taught at paragraph [0035], “advantageously the ability to use different displays with different properties allows the user to choose a visual display system to meet current requirements. The user of the handheld computing device 110 can display data on a display featuring more color depth if needed for a particular type of information, for example to display a photograph. Alternatively, the user may require a larger display for making presentation. This visual display system may have greater power requirements or may be more expansive compared to a smaller, less colorful display. Another alternative visual display could allow the user to choose a smaller display to access data while traveling.” See specification paragraph [0035]. Accordingly, applicants teach the advantages of providing a detachable display that may be interchanged with a variety of types of displays and the displays maybe flexible and foldable for varying sizes to display various types of information. No combination of Nahi et al., Lebby et al., and Branson teaches the desirability providing this combination of elements which is recited in independent claims 1, 14, and 20. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 14, and 20 and their respective dependent claims are therefore allowable.

Double Patenting

In Section 33 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that a number of the claims are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of co-pending applications. Applicants reserve the right to file a Terminal Disclaimer in this case should the claims be found allowable, as currently requested. No Terminal Disclaimer is being filed with this amendment.

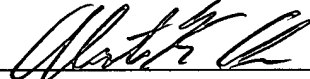
Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance.
Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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